

## United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To: FWS/R4/2019-00418

Jimmy Tobias
The Guardian
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Somerville, Massachusetts 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Tobias:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated February 7, 2019, for the following:

• Any written or electronic communications, including email attachments, text messages, and instant messages, between Assistant Regional Director Leo Miranda and State Supervisor Larry Williams regarding the Eastern Collier Property Owners, LLC, Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement in Collier County, Florida. This request seeks records produced between January 1, 2018 and the date this request is processed.

Your request has been assigned tracking number FWS-2019-00418. Our office received your request on February 8, 2019.

Although you have indicated that you are a reporter for the Guardian, please be specific regarding fees. According to eCFR 2.6 (a) Your request must explicitly state that you will pay all fees associated with processing the request, that you will pay all fees up to a specified amount, and/or that you are seeking a fee waiver.

I have included a link to the eCFR for your reference: http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=0fc3ab3499768eebc2e3691c8cf88dec&rgn=div5&view=text&node=43:1.1.1.1.2&idno=43#sp43.1.2.b.

According to eCFR 2.6 (d) If you are seeking a fee waiver, your request must include a justification that addresses and meets the criteria in §§2.45 and 2.48 of this part. Failure to provide sufficient justification will result in a denial of the fee waiver request. If you are seeking a fee waiver, you may also indicate the amount you are willing to pay if the fee waiver is denied. This allows the bureau to process the request for records while it considers your fee waiver request. You may also inform us of why you believe your request meets one or more of the criteria for a discretionary fee waiver under §2.56 of this part.

Mr. Tobias

Please provide this information to me by March 15, 2019 as our office cannot perfect your request until this information is received. If the clarification is not received by March 15, 2019, our office will presume that you are no longer interested and will close the file on your request. Please note that the 20-workday statutory time limit for the bureau to respond to the request is temporarily suspended until the above is received. Upon receipt of clarification, the time limit will resume. The above information can be mailed to ATTN: Regional FOIA Coordinator, 1875 Century Blvd, Suite 214, Atlanta, GA 30345 or emailed to foiar4@fws.gov. Please accept this as receipt of your request.

Sincerely yours,

Jeffany McClurkin

Region 4 FOIA Coordinator